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1. The Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway is approximately eight meters wide and 80 to 90 kilometers long. It has a gravel surface 10 centimeters thick over a stone base 10 centimeters thick. A bridge is located six kilometers from Burgas at Madrensko Lake; it is 50 meters long and eight meters wide. A secondary road 50 kilometers long branches off the highway to Tsarevo (now Michurin, N 42-10, E 27-52), eight or nine kilometers from Burgas. The Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway is open to year-round traffic.

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2. The Burgas-Sredets (now Grudovo, N 42-20, E 27-10) highway is approximately 70 kilometers long and eight meters wide. It has a gravel surface 10 centimeters thick, a stone base 10 centimeters thick, and is open to year-round traffic. Five round-trip bus runs are made daily between Burgas and Sredets. Bridges and secondary roads are located as follows:
 - a. A bridge 20 meters long, eight meters wide, and eight meters high, is located 300 meters from Konstantinovo village (N 42-25, E 27-19) in the direction of Debelt village (N 42-23, E 27-16); the bridge is constructed of reinforced concrete;
 - b. A bridge 20 meters long, eight meters wide, and 10 meters high, of reinforced concrete construction, is located four kilometers from Debelt village in the direction of Sredets;
 - c. A secondary road 22 kilometers long branches off to Vürshilovo village (sic) from Meden Rudnik (N 42-27, E 27-24); and
 - d. Secondary roads connect Konstantinovo with Trústikovo village (N 42-27, E 27-13) and Debelt with Lidorevo village (sic).
3. The Burgas-Aytos (N 42-42, E 27-15) highway is approximately 50 kilometers long and 10 meters wide. The section between Burgas and Vetren (N 42-37, E 27-23) is paved with parquet stones and the remainder with stone and gravel. The highway is open to year-round traffic. A reinforced concrete bridge 15 meters long, 10 meters wide, and 10 meters high crosses the Pomorie-Burgas railroad line outside of Burgas.
4. The Burgas-Varna highway is approximately 10 meters wide and is open to year-round traffic. The first six kilometers outside of Burgas are paved with parquet and the remainder of the road with stone and gravel. Bridges and branch roads are located as follows:
 - a. A stone bridge 50 meters long, eight meters wide, and eight meters high is located three kilometers from Orizare village (N 42-45, E 27-37) in the direction of Aleksandrovo (N 42-41, E 27-36); the bridge is of the single-pier type and is in good condition;
 - b. A single-arch bridge of reinforced concrete, 10 meters long, eight meters wide, and seven meters high, in good condition, is located 500 meters from Aleksandrovo in the direction of Orizare;
 - c. A bridge 12 meters long and eight meters wide is located between Burgas and Kableshkovo (N 42-39, E 27-34);
 - d. A road branches off to Pomorie at six kilometers from Burgas;
 - e. A road five kilometers long branches off to Rudnik (N 42-37, E 27-30) at 12 kilometers from Burgas;
 - f. A road branches to Bata (N 42-44, E 27-30) from Medovo village (N 42-42, E 27-34) which is 28 kilometers from Burgas; and
 - g. A road branches to Poroy (N 42-45, E 27-33), Gulubets (N 42-46, E 27-32), and Goritsa (N 42-48, E 27-32) at a point 30 kilometers from Burgas.

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Bridge Construction

5. A reinforced concrete bridge 100 meters long and 10 meters wide is under construction three kilometers from Skef (now Pinchevo, N 42-24, E 27-25) in the direction of Meden Rudnik. The bridge has 10 supports, eight of which are in the river bed. The roadbed on the bridge is eight meters wide. Approximately 100

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workers are employed and the bridge is scheduled to be completed in the autumn of 1952. [redacted]

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6. Two bridges, 50 meters apart and having the following characteristics, are located 200 meters from Skef in the direction of Prisad (N 42-23, E 27-23):
 - a. A bridge approximately 40 meters long, 10 meters wide, and eight meters above the water level; road width on bridge, eight meters; six reinforced concrete supports, of which four are in the river bed; construction completed, but not yet open for traffic; and
 - b. A bridge approximately 20 meters long, 10 meters wide, and four meters above the water level; road width on bridge, eight meters; single-arch of reinforced concrete; construction completed but not yet open for traffic.
7. A bridge 40 meters long, 10 meters wide, and five meters above the water level is located two kilometers from Skef in the direction of Prisad. The road width on the bridge is eight meters. The bridge has five supports of reinforced concrete, three of which are piers. Construction work has been completed, but the bridge has not yet been opened to traffic.

Railroad Construction

8. A railroad line is being constructed from Dolno Ezerovo (N 42-31, E 27-22) to pass between Burgas and Vetren (N 42-37, E 27-23), passing through the Cherno More mine area, through Luka (N 42-37, E 27-33), two kilometers south of Kableshkovo, near Orizare (N 42-45, E 27-37) and Kosharitsa (N 42-45, E 27-42), and on to Varna. Informant does not know the route beyond Kosharitsa.
9. Construction was begun in May 1952. An advertisement published in the Chernomorski Front newspaper of Burgas in May 1952 stated that storekeepers, supply officials, accountants, and laborers were wanted for the railroad construction work.
10. [redacted] workers with and without carts were gathered from the village to work on tunnel construction near Kosharitsa (exact location not known). 25X1
11. For a sketch, not drawn to scale, showing the route of the Burgas-Varna rail line, see Appendix, page 4.

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Route of the Burgas-Varna Rail Line, now under construction.



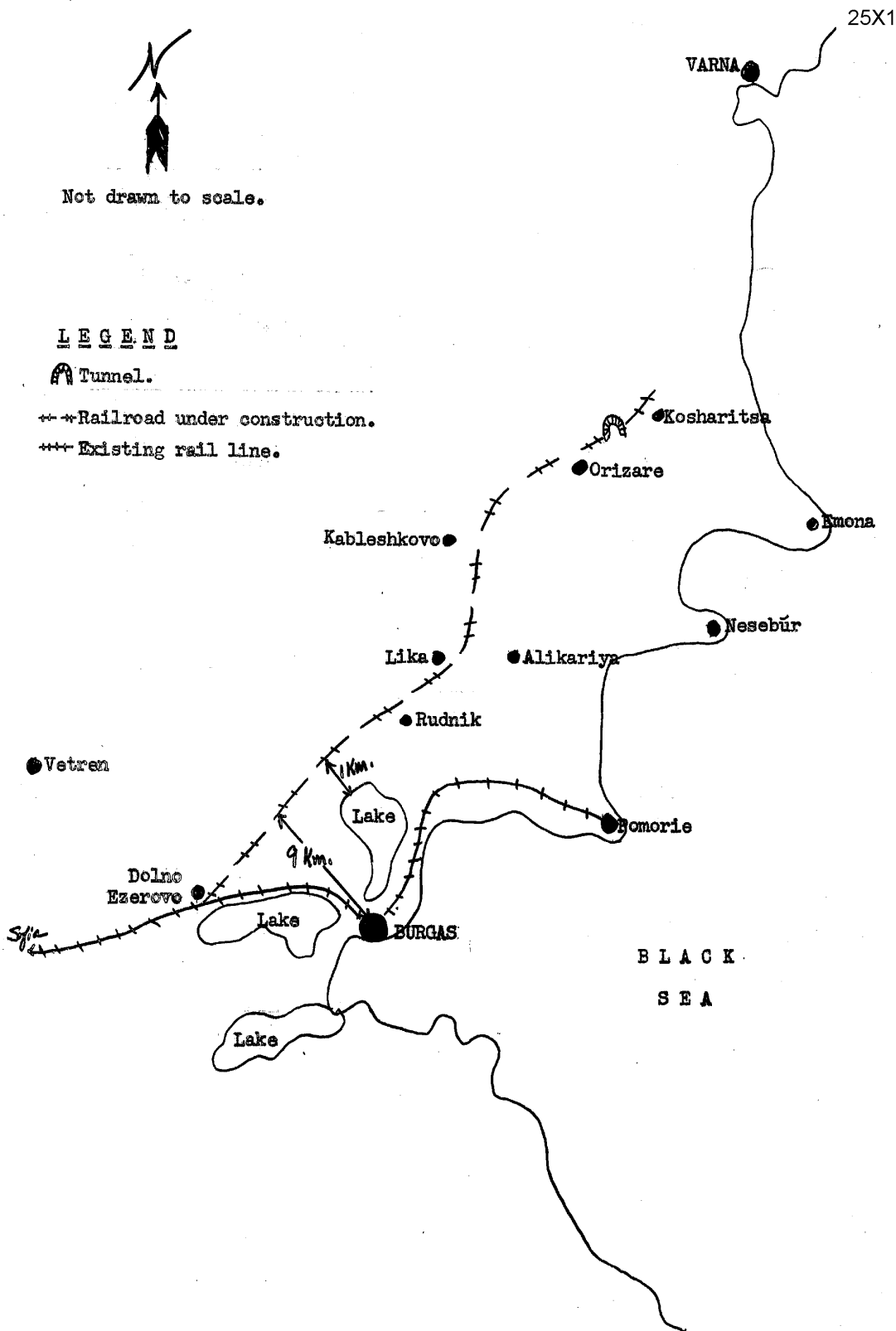
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Tunnel.

--- Railroad under construction.

+++ Existing rail line.



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